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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/705,398	Applicant(s) LIAO ET AL.	
	Examiner Barbara P. Badio, Ph.D.	Art Unit 1617	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18,20-23,29,31-34,65 and 66 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 23 and 33 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18,20-22,29,31,32,34,65 and 66 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/21/05</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

First Office Action on the Merits of a RCE

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Status of the Application

2. Claims 18, 20-23, 29, 31-34, 65 and 66 are pending in the present specification. Claims 23 and 33 stand withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a nonelected species.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The rejection of claims 18, 21, 22, 29, 31 and 65 under 35 USC 102(b) over Riccio et al. is withdrawn.
4. The rejection of claims 18, 21, 22, 29, 31 and 65 under 35 USC 102(b) over McKee et al. is withdrawn.
5. Claims 18, 20-22, 29, 31, 32, 34, 65 and 66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kurosawa et al.

Kurosawa et al. teach several bile acid derivatives such as 3 α ,6 α -dihydroxy-5 β -cholest-24-en-26-oic acid (see the entire article, especially, page 476, Figure 1,

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compounds 1b-11b, see especially compound 3b). The compounds and compositions taught by the reference are encompassed by the instant claims.

6. Claims 18, 20-22, 29, 31, 32 and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaiser (US 4,351,767).

Kaiser teaches several steroid derivatives such as 3 α ,6 α -dihydroxy-5 β -cholest-24-ene (see the entire article, especially, col. 6, Example X). The compound and composition taught by the reference are encompassed by the instant claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. **The rejection of claim 20 under 35 USC 103(a) over McKee et al. is withdrawn.**


Telephone Inquiry

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara P. Badio, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0609. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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